



DWR selects new Chief of the Bay-Delta Office

DWR has selected Paul A. Marshall to be the new Chief of the Bay-Delta Office, effective January 31. Paul is a nine-year veteran of the Bay-Delta Office, where he managed the South Delta Branch and was responsible for the South Delta Improvements Program. Since then, Paul has worked on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and in the Division of Flood Management, where he served concurrently as the Assistant Division Chief and the Flood Risk Assessment Office Chief. He has considerable experience in planning large water programs, permitting, and preparing environmental documentation. Paul also has a long history of working in water quality and was responsible for developing the CALFED Water Quality Program Plan. He possesses a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in civil engineering.

Science panel will conduct BDCP Effects Analysis review

An independent science panel, convened by the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Science Program, will conduct the third phase of its review of the draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) Effects Analysis and Associated Technical Appendices to assess the scientific soundness of the Effects Analysis. This will occur January 28 and 29 in Sacramento. This public meeting will be webcast. More information is [here](#).



Delta Stewardship Council
Delta Science Program

California Water Commission releases activities summary

The California Water Commission released its [2013 Summary of Activities](#), which provides an overview of the Commission's activities and accomplishments during 2013.

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CVFPB meeting features drought preparedness briefing

The Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) will meet January 24 in Sacramento. [Agenda](#) items include a briefing on ongoing Delta Plan adoption litigation and a briefing on drought preparedness and water transfers.



USDA NRCS adds four projects to Bay Delta Initiative

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in California has added four proposed project areas to its three-year-old Bay Delta Initiative, bringing the total of project areas to 15. Farm and conservation groups in the approved areas work with farmers from Colusa to Bakersfield on voluntary projects to conserve and protect water and wildlife habitat. Farmers who wish to apply for contracts within these project areas must do so by February 21 to ensure consideration for funding in 2014. More information is in this [news release](#).



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